



Borneo5 Knowledge Fair 2015

*"Indigenise
and
Innovate
for Impact"*

*18th-20th November 2015
Ba'kelalan, Sarawak, Malaysia*

About

The eBorneo Knowledge Fair (eBKF) is a re-branded version of what was previously called the e-Bario Knowledge Fair and it represents the expansion of the eBario project to include more indigenous communities in Borneo, and beyond.

The event is a bi-annual un-conference, held in the central Borneo highlands of Sarawak, Malaysia. It showcases the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for development in isolated rural communities, especially those that consist of indigenous peoples. It is organised by the Institute of Social Informatics and Technological Innovations at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak in conjunction with the local community, bringing together researchers, practitioners and policy makers with the resident indigenous peoples, in both Malaysia and neighbouring Indonesia.

Theme

The theme for the 2015 Knowledge Fair is Indigenise and Innovate for Impact. We wish to promote research that innovates with technologies in order to address the challenges and opportunities that remote and isolated indigenous communities face; as they themselves would express and prioritise them.

The Knowledge Fair enables village-to-village exchanges that foster replications of successes that will yield wider impact for the research results. It also stimulates creative and synergistic relationships among all the stakeholders whereby researchers and development partners build empathy for the specific needs and hopes of indigenous communities, who in turn accumulate greater awareness of the capabilities of contemporary ICTs and how they might be applied to their needs.

We will be looking into technologies that address the needs of indigenous communities in the areas of: Tourism; Culture; Communications; Mapping; Environment, Climate Change and Education.

Benefits of attending eBKF

- Enjoy an immersive experience with remote indigenous communities to learn how they are using ICTs to implement development on their own terms.
- Gain insight and share your research with other researchers, development practitioners, policy makers, government officials, industry players and indigenous community representatives in informative and interactive sessions.
- Gain input on your research findings from the indigenous community representatives, researchers and practitioners.

Call for Papers

The eBorneo Knowledge Fair seeks contributions from researchers, graduate students, and practitioners that include, but are not limited to, the following subject areas:

- ICTs and indigenised development
- Preservation of cultural heritage with ICTs
- ICTs and environmental protection
- ICTs and climate change
- Giving voice; new media for public debate and social inclusion
- Traditional knowledge; collection, preservation and intellectual property rights
- Creativity, adaptation and indigenisation of ICTs for social transformation
- Indigenising ICT4D
- ICTs for community mapping and community memory
- Renewable energy for ICTs
- ICT and indigenous cultural tourism.

Community Workshops

The essence of the eBorneo Knowledge Fair consist of the interchanges among community members, researchers, policy-makers and practitioners. This year's event will pick up the rolling agenda from eBKFIV in 2013; presenting the latest research findings to the communities of the highlands and seeking their responses and inputs for further inquiries. Topics that have been identified so far include:

- The Sustainability of Innovations
- ICTs and indigenised development
- Service Learning for Students
- Climate Change and Indigenous Knowledge

- Community Based Tourism
- Highland Arts
- Community Radio
- Digital Lifestyle Malaysia
- Low Cost Aerial Photography for Community Land Planning
- Knowledge Mobilization: The Impact of ICT4D Research on Policy and Practice
- Community Protocols
- The Smart Villages Initiative
- Finale: Bringing it all Together.

Post Graduate Colloquium

Students doing related research for their doctoral and masters studies are invited to participate in the post graduate colloquium, attended by senior researchers, which has the following objectives:

- Provide a supportive setting for feedback on students' current research and guidance on future research directions.
- Offer each student comments and fresh perspectives on their work from a diverse audience and gain valuable experience outside their own institution.
- Promote the development of a supportive community of scholars and a spirit of collaborative and multi-disciplinary research.
- An opportunity for young scientists to network and engage with others researching ICTs and Indigenised Development.

Students should submit a proposal describing their research. Submissions should be submitted electronically in PDF format. The proposal should:

- Clearly formulate the research question.
- Identify the significant problems in the field of research.
- Summarize the current knowledge of the problem domain, as well as the state of the art for solutions.
- Clearly present any preliminary research plans and ideas, and the results achieved so far.
- Sketch the research methodology that is to be applied.
- Describe the expected contributions of the applicant to the research area
- For technical research, describes how the research is innovative, novel or extends existing approaches to a problem.



Important Dates

- 1st September 2015 : Abstract submission
- 7th September 2015 : Abstract Acceptance Notification
- 7th October 2015 : Full paper submission
- 15th October 2015 : Full Paper Acceptance Notification
- 17th November 2015 : Postgraduate Colloquium
- 18th - 20th November 2015 : Knowledge Fair



Registration

Registration is available online at
<http://www.ebkf.org/registration.html>



Fees

All registration fees* are listed in Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) and include GST (where applicable).

- ~ Early bird registration fees MYR 1,484.00
* early bird registration ends by 30th September 2015
* limited seats
- ~ Full registration fees MYR 1,696.00
- ~ Students registration fees MYR 1,060.00

* Fee includes meals & accommodation (5 days 4 nights) during the knowledge fair and return transportation from Miri - Ba'kelalan or Lawas - Ba'kelalan .



Submission Guidelines

For information about submission guidelines, you can visit this link
<http://www.ebkf.org/submission-guidelines.html>

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